- Biological Diversity Act 2002 has been enacted and Biological Diversity Rules 2004 have been notified, which aim at conservation of biological resources of the country and regulation of access to these resources to ensure equitable sharing of benefits arising out of their use.
- Notification to general and industry specific emission and effluent standard.
- Industries to obtain "Consent for Establishment" as well as "Consent to Operate" under the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 from the concerned State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) prior to carrying out operations.
- Environmental Impact Assessment of developmental projects and preparation of Environmental Management Plan as per the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment notification of September, 2006.
- Adoption of cleaner technologies and use of improved fuel quality.
- Regular monitoring of industrial units for environmental compliance.
- Issuance of directions in cases of industries not complying with environmental norms.

Controlling simian population in Uttarakhand

†1267. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has an assessment conducted on simian harm to crops in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof with percentage of farmers cultivation exposed to simian harm in Uttarakhand;

(c) whether any special drive has been conducted by Government to curb increasing simian population; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and steps so far taken by Government to control increasing simian population in Uttarakhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No, Sir. No such assessment has been made by this Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) As reported by the State Government, no special drive has been conducted by the Government to control increasing simian population in Uttarakhand.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.